

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

EO 96-07

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CLARIFYING THE ROLES OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES AND THE ARKANSAS COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN GRANTS.

WHEREAS, in order to receive formula grants pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 the State of Arkansas must submit a State Plan for the accomplishment of the objectives set forth in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act requires that the State Plan shall designate the state agency as the sole agency for supervising the preparation and administration of the State Plan and that the state agency has authority to plan, develop, implement and operate the juvenile delinquency and prevention programs designed to carry out the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act requires that the State establish a juvenile advisory group which shall participate in the development and review of the State Plan prior to its implementation and which shall be afforded the opportunity to review and comment, in accordance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, on all juvenile justice and delinquency grant applications for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds designated to carry out the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, since the existing Executive Order dated April 16, 1981 does not clearly distinguish and set out the roles and responsibilities of the designated state planning agency and the juvenile advisory group, it should be rescinded and a new order executed clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the state planning agency and the juvenile advisory group; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services has been designated by the Arkansas General Assembly as the state agency responsible for providing program and services to at risk and delinquent youth and that the Division of Youth Services is therefore the appropriate state agency to develop and administer the State Plan and oversee the use of all Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me, do hereby order and commission the following:

1. The Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services, shall be designated as the state agency with the sole responsibility for supervising the preparation and administration of the State Plan.
2. The Director of the Division of Youth Services and the juvenile advisory group shall participate as a partnership in the development of the State Plan prior to it being implemented by the Division.
3. The Director of the Division of Youth Services shall be responsible and have the authority to ensure that all Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds are administered in accordance with all federal and state laws, regulations and policies and shall have authority to implement and administer the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs set out in the State Plan.

4. The juvenile advisory group shall be afforded the opportunity to review and comment, in accordance with the Act, on all juvenile justice and delinquency grant applications for formula grant funds designated to carry out the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs set out in the State Plan.

5. The membership of the juvenile advisory group will be appointed by the Governor as provided in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and serve at the will of the Governor. The Chairman of the Juvenile Advisory Group shall be appointed by the Governor and also serve the Governor at will.

6. No member of the juvenile advisory group, or any private organization from which a member receives income or compensation, without regard to whether the organization is a profit or non-profit entity, will be eligible for a grant or contract using funds received by the Division of Youth Services pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

7. The juvenile advisory group in Arkansas will be known as the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

8. That Executive Order dated April 16, 1981 is hereby rescinded.

9. If any part of this Executive Order is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

10. This Order shall become effective on December 17th, 1996, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified or rescinded by another Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-six.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST